On Thursday, March 4, 2010, The Domestic Policy Subcommittee will hold a hearing entitled: "Continuing Problems in USDA's Enforcement of the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act." The purpose of this hearing is to examine the findings of a new GAO report on USDA enforcement of Humane Methods of Slaughter Act. This report was requested by Chairman Kucinich and Rep. Issa in 2008. This will be the second Domestic Policy Subcommittee hearing on the topic, the first of which was held on April 17, 2008.

The hearing will be held at 3:00 p.m. (delayed from 2:00 p.m.) on Thursday, March 4, 2010 in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

To view a webcast of the hearing, Click Here

Panel I

Mr. Jerold Mande Deputy Undersecretary for Food Safety USDA

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Dr. Dean Wyatt FSIS Supervisory Public Health Veterinarian Williston, VT

Panel II

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Chairman, National Joint Council of Food Inspection Loca	als
American Federation of Government Employees	

Mr. Bev Eggleston Owner Ecofriendly Foods LLC

Mr. Wayne Pacelle President and CEO Humane Society of the United States

Documents and Links

Opening Statement of Subcommittee Chairman Dennis Kucinich

Prepared testimony of Mr. Jerold Mande

Prepared testimony of Ms. Lisa Shames

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Prepared testimony of Mr. Stanley Painter

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Stan Painter Documents

GAO-10-203, "Humane Methods of Slaughter Act" (link to pdf)

Witness List